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IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (currently amended) An Internet access system comprising:

determination means for determining whether a telephone number and address presence/absence specifying information are added to input data or not, the address presence/absence specifying information indicating presence/absence of an Internet domain address for specifying presence/absence of a resource on the Internet;

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an address acquisition section for acquiring an resource name for identifying a resource on the Internet associated with identification information the Internet domain address from a database in which at least the telephone numbers number and resource names the Internet domain address are associated, wherein said identification information includes in a case where the determination means determines that the telephone number and the address presence/absence specifying information indicating at least presence/absence of an resource on the Internet are added to the input data;
and

an access prompting section for prompting a user to access a resource specified by the resource time; an address sending section for sending the acquired Internet domain address;

wherein the determination means effects line connection for communication, in a case where the determination means determines that the address presence/absence

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specifying information is not added to the input data.

2. (original) An Internet access system according to claim 1, wherein said database is generated by a search section for searching resources connected to the Internet, thereby producing correspondency data between the telephone number and the resource name.

3. (original) An Internet access system according to claim 1, wherein said database is generated by searching resources connected to the Internet and finding, on the basis of the telephone number and attribute information associated with the telephone number, the resource name associated with the attribute information.

4. (original) An Internet access system according to claim 1, wherein said database is generated by searching resources connected to the Internet and finding, on the basis of the resource name and attribute information associated with the resource name, the telephone number associated with the attribute information.

5-6. (cancelled)

7. (currently amended) A telephone directory comprising:

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a telephone number display section for associatively displaying a telephone number and discrimination information for discriminating whether there is a URL address associated with the telephone number, the discrimination information indicating that the URL address associated with the telephone number can be accessed by inputting the telephone number into a user interface.

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8. (new) The telephone directory of claim 7 wherein the user interface requires that an additional character be input into the interface in addition to the telephone number to access the URL via the user interface.

9. (new) A method applied to an Internet access system comprising the steps of:

determining whether a telephone number and address presence/absence specifying information are added to input data or not, the address presence/absence specifying information indicating presence/absence of an Internet domain address for specifying presence/absence of a resource on the Internet;

acquiring the Internet domain address from a database in which the telephone number and the Internet domain address are associated, in a case where it is determined in the determining step that the telephone number and the address presence/absence

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specifying information are added to the input data; and

sending the acquired Internet domain address;

wherein in the determining step, line connection for communication is effected, in a case where it is determined in the determining step that the address presence/absence specifying information is not added to the input data.

10. (new) A system comprising:

a database associating a telephone number with a related Internet domain associated with the telephone number;

identification information that combines the telephone number with an indicator that indicates whether the telephone number is associated with the related Internet domain in the database;

a user interface that allows a user to access the identification information and Internet domains;

wherein if the identification information indicates that a telephone number is associated with a related Internet domain, the user can input the identification information to access the Internet domain related to the telephone number.

11. (new) The system of claim 10 wherein the indicator is an asterisk.

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12. (new) The system of claim 10 wherein the user interface is a portable telephone having Internet access.

13. (new) The system of claim 12 wherein the user accesses an Internet domain associated with a known telephone number by inputting known identification information corresponding to the known telephone number into the telephone.

14. (new) The system of claim 13 wherein the known identification information is the known telephone number followed by an indicator in the form of an asterisk.

15. (new) The system of claim 10 wherein if the identification information does not indicate that a telephone number is associated with a related Internet domain, the user can input the identification information to place a telephone call to the telephone number.

16. (new) A telephone Internet access system wherein a user accesses an Internet domain by inputting both a telephone number associated with the Internet

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domain and a character indicating that the telephone number is associated with the Internet domain.